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¶ The troublesome, yet most hardy and honourable voyage of *Edward Glenham*, Esquire, made this last yeere, 1593. into the Leuant Seas.

That many aduentures are incident to such as put themselues into the seruice on the Seas, I doubt not but is easily coniectured by all men, as wel such as haue with peril made triall therof, as also those which neglect such seruice as might therby redound to their owne honor and their Countries good: whereof England harboureth to many. Some there are which not onely refuse the aduenturing their bodies and goods for the benefit of their Country, but enuying to heare others that haue well deserued, wel spoken of, raise to their disgrace what scandals they may to impaire their credit, as to my selfe it is wel knowne, who lately arryuing in this my country, haue heard so many vniust reports of ỳ worthy deseruing Gentleman, Ma. Edward Glenham Esquire, that I am moued in conscience, (knowing ỳ truth of each seueral accident happning vnto him in his voyage) to certifie his friends, and to stop the raging mouthes of the malicious. I hope the wiser sort when they shall read the same, will (notwithstanding the malice and vntrue reports of the enuious) giue the praise to them that haue wel deserued: on which relying, I refer them to the discourse following.

In February 1593. the said Ma. Edward Glenham, with his ship the Gallion Constance, departed from London, well furnished with men, munition & victuals, taking his course for Darkmought where the rest of his company was appointed to méete. In which voyage, before his recouering the said Port, many daungers happened him, as grounding two seuerall times, once at Graueſend, the other vpon the sand called ỳ Black-taile. Then on the Norcheade we lost a newe Table ancker, and diuers times put in againe for Quinborow: from whence shortlie after, accompanied with the Tremocoutana of her Maiesties, the Lyons welpe, and other of Ma. Watses fleet, we passed the Lands end, where we sprong our maine mast in such maner, as we durst not beare much sayle on it. From Margaret where we anckored, we set saile the next morning being Tuesday, and on Thursday following, were opposite with

the Berry, all becalmed, where wee were discried from the hylles neere Darkmouth, by such of our Pinesses companions as expected our comming. This afternoone, before wee could recouer the harbourgh, a myst fel, which so anoyde vs as we could not finde the harbourgh: which caused our Generall to man his long boate and Skyfe, and so with each of them a Trumpet, sent them seuerall wayes to finde the Lande. But as in distres God sendeth comfort, so our frendes in Darkmouth, viz. Ma. Henry Leawndre, Captaine of the Perigræne, our reare Admirall, caused his boate to bee made out to seeke vs, with whom hee brought a Pylot, and so that night we came in, & there remained victualling and prouiding our Pinesses fifteene dayes, in which time Ma. Stratford, Captaine of the Tygare, who was appoynted to beare vs company, came from Plymouth, certifying our Generall how his reuines was such, as hee onely expected our comming: which made vs hasten the more for Plymouth, where when we were arriued, wee founde no such matter, his victuals were vnshipped, and his men vnprouided. There stayed we about nine dayes, and on the third of April put to Seas, accompanied with these 4. shyps, the Gallyon, the Tygare, the Perigreene and the Charles, all well fitted for such a voyage. This night the wind was so contrary and the tempest so great, that wee were forced to put in againe for Cawsoune Bay, where wee rid foure dayes, whence we wayed againe, and put in at Cat water at Plymouth.

On the ninth of April, we haled againe into the Sownde, from whence that night wee set saile, and by contrary winds, were the next day enforced to put againe for Cawsoune Bay, where we ridde till Thursday following, being Maundy Thursday, thence by shyfting of the winde were we forced to put in againe vnder the Iland of Plimouth. Tuesday in Easter weeke, being the 17. of April, with an easie gale of winde we once more put to seas, where in like manner we were anoyed with outragious tempest, which wee endured two nights and two dayes, beating vp and downe as lothe to put againe into harbourgh. The thirde day, in the midst of thys storme fell a grieuous fogge, in which we lost the Tygare and the Perigreene, the next morning, hauing a small cleere, wee had sight of the Charles, who came vp with vs, but was not able to endure the seas, although they did all they might, they put into harbourgh,

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but the Admirall beate it out, in such manner, that Captaine Stratford and the rest could not be perswaded of our welfare, but that we were cast away on the Gulfe, as he himselfe confessed to our Generall at their meeting at Sancti Cruse. But by the permission of God escaped we these perrils, and on the first of May had sight of the Northen Cape, hauing so much winde as we could maintaine our courses: from thence we plyed for the Burlings, whether our Fleet had directions to méete vs, where our Shallop tooke a Caruill, laden with pype boordes and hoopes. That night in a greuious storme wee lost the Caruill, and one of our men in her, which put into Pheneché and is now come home. Continuing heere aboute, we tooke diuers Caruils, with fish and such other trash, which we turned off againe. Heere had we sight of 14. sayles all Buttons, which wee gaue chace vnto, standing in with the rocke: which Butts, had our Fléete beene with vs wee had easilie taken, but being no more but one ship, the ods to great we let them passe. Eighteene dayes did we ply heere, in hope of our Fleete, which we heard not of.

From hence we went for the South Cape, where in sight of the King of Spaynes men of warre, which were twenty two sayles, wée met three Flemings, who comming aboorde vs, shewed their Passes, who for they were Subiects to the Denmarke King, the Generall feasted with such viands as hee had, and without taking, or suffering any one of his to take from them any maner of thing, licensed them to depart: for which curtesie, the Master of one of them presented him with a basket of Orenges and Lemons, and one small Buttasso of Wine for his owne dyet. After the parting with these Flemings, séeing the Fleete to nére vs and to stande with vs, wee left the Cape, and plyed for the Matherouse, where we came before the Towne in the midst of the day, and séeing Roaders within, hoping they were Brazill or Indies men, home or outward bound, manned our Shallop, which before shee could recouer the roade was chaced by a Galliot, manned of purpose to intercept her: which wee espying, stoode with the shore and shot at her, and so reskeued our Shallop. That night fires were made all ouer the Iland to gyue warning of our being on the Coast, yet that dismaid vs not, but that night our shallop entred a road one the North side of the Ile, of purpose to boorde a roader there, but the Castle espying them, shot at her, & enforced her returne backe againe.

Thus crossed with many contrary fortunes, frō thence we plyed for Cape Cateene, to seeke our fleet, and not finding them, we went for Sancta Cruse, where we found many English ships, whom after the sea maner, with store of Ordinance we saluted, and were of them welcome with much shew of good will. Two dayes following two of our men being on shore, were imprisoned for no cause, but a pretended quarell pickt of purpose, to draw some coyne out of the Generals purse. The offence obiected, was for a shot that fell on shore at our comming in, which shotte did no maner of harme. This vnkindnes of the Mores, the Generall tooke in such ill part, that he vowed if they were not before night released, he would land his company, and fetch them perforce. But in the ende, through the meanes of the Merchants, which rode vnto the Alcayd for ỹ same purpose, they were released.

In this harbourgh wee refreshed our men with such victuals as the country yeeldeth, so that our sick and crazed men becam frolick and lustie. After some sixe dayes stay heere, we set sayle, and continued that night: and the next day about noone, discryed comming about the Cape three sayles, who for wee could not fetch our Generall, manned his Shallop with 20. tal men, to giue him notice what they were: who rowing vp to them, made them for the Tygar, the Elizabeth of Plymouth, and a prize of wheat. Our shallop cōming still with them, was as they neered the ships knowne, which sight reuiued them all, especially Captaine Stratford, who on the report of our Generals good health reioyced much thereat, for that as you haue heard he held him for dead: and commanded his flagge to bee taken from his maine top, and placed in his fore top. Then enquired he of our Generals estate, whereof being aduertised, hee gaue to euery man a pystolet, and returned them to the Generall: who was as much pleased to heare tydings of Master Stratford, as one friend may be for another, as their seuerall ioyes might witnesse at their meeting. Thys night they supped and lay together abord the Admirall, and the morrow as the wind serued, we went in againe with him, where after some small stay, the Generall and he conferring together for the benefit of the voyage, it was cōcluded the Admirall should goe to Sea, holding it better that she spend her victuals where hope of doing good was expected, then in harbourgh to consume it to no purpose.

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This determined, (Captaine Stratford albeit loue of his friende caused him play loth to depart) made aborde. Our anckors wayde, and our sayles ready to be let fall, a shallop came from the shore in hast, which brought word of the Charles, who not three daies before was gone from the Saffeea, where she watred. This messenger brought newes by writing, that shee had taken two prizes, laden with Wine and Oyle, and being so neere chased by the Spanish fleete, was compelled to take in her men and to cast them off. These newes of their safety pleased our Generall, who with Captaine Stratford left directions, that if the Charles came againe into any of those Ports, he should not depart his company vntill he met the Admirall, who had appointed to seeke him at certaine places betweene them agréed vpon.

The time which tarieth no man passing away, after leaue taken on all sides, friend with friende, and a ringing peale of Ordinaunce giuen, we set sayle and departed, being accompanied with the Elizabeth of Plimouth, and one other small Barke late of London, called the Examiner. After wee had spent some three weekes at Sea, we had sight of a sayle, a very tall ship, vnto whom we gaue chace, shee standing with vs. This shyp our cõpany made for an English man, vntil she came within shot of vs, on whose false surmises, wee were inflicted. Thys shyp all night we chaced hard, but coulde not obtaine her, for which disgrace the Generall growing into choller with his company, might not be pacified a long time. This Shyp to the other small Shyps, was knowne to be the Cresent of Saint Mallowes, and as we after heard, was prest in Spaine for carrying the kings money to Malta, and other his holds in the straights.

After this vnhappy chaunce, we tooke a Caruill, who gaue vs notice of a Frygat bound into the Straights, with coyne for the Pope and others, with whom the Generall had great desire to meet, and thereupon determined to put into the Straights with the next faire wind: to lie for her in the Wacke neere Cape S. Paule Mayorcke fyrmentura, and such places as he must needs passe. Whereon resolued, and the wind seruing them, they put in, and beeing in the night as hie as Sueie, a strong Leuant met vs, and enforced vs to put out againe. And plying neere the mouth of the Straights, wee might heare the noyse of Ordinance, and imagined some fight to bee with the Gallies, wherein we were not deceiued. For at that time

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Metworeyes, Admirall of Argile, be ingaged with the mouth of the straights, was encountred with the Gallyes of Genoway, Malta, and Sicyle, all bound for Spayne with the Lantanianes daughter, which went as we haue heard, to marry a Noble man there. These Gallies being 25. in number, gaue chace to the Turkes two Gallyes, euer as they could come vp with them, and shotte at them, by whom the Turke was very much endaged: yet by nightnes of his Gallyes, and courage of his slaues, he escaped them, with the losse of one prize which he had taken, which the Spaniards reskewed, and restored the Christians from their thraldome.

The Gallyes by the mercy of God we escaped, and on Friday following, which was the vi. of July, at two a clocke in the afternoone, we entred the Straights, an attempt seldome put in practise in a time of such expected danger. Sonday following, we had sight of three Flemings, outward bound, whom we hailed and let passe. Thus arrived with hope of our desired purchase, which we hourelie expected, namely, the comming of this Frygat with the Popes treasure, whom both the Generall and the whole company vowed to take or dye by her sides: many a weary and sharpe looke was bestowed, but could not haue notice of any thing, where plying from Ile to Ile vsing nothing, our men landing at Formentera, as they raunged the Ile, found by chaunce the lodging of a Hermit, wherein they had many toyes, as Bowes, arrowes, and diuers tryfles, which they brought with them to shewe vs. The time which tarrieth not consuming, and with the time our victuals, and hauing all this time receiued no benefit in recompence of our trauaile, it was concluded by the whole company to goe for Argeere, to seeke releefe for victuals: where in short time after, by the fauour of God lending vs winde aunswerable to our wills, wee arriued. And of the King and chiefest in authority, had entertainment in the best manner. To shew the Generall what extraordinary fauour they could, the King came aboorde to see our Shyp, for whom the Generall provided a sumptious banquet, for which he would not stay, but taking a small repast of such confections as the Generall brought for hys store to Sea, he departed: at whose going, the Generall presented him with a Cup of siluer double gylt, a fayre quilt of Damaske, with his Armes embroodered, and a purse ritchly wrought, with fiftie double Pistolets in it. Which he thankfully accepted, rendring

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great thanks for his gifts and cheere. During our staye there, wee had what pleased vs, without any empeachment or contradiction of any man, with such show of love and fauour, as might haue drawen the most distrustfull minde to haue beleeued all his deedes to bee faithfull. But as the alluring Crokidell, vttereth her sweete notes to entrap the simple beléeuing man, so Syren like vsed this heathen King (nay cur I may say) his kindnesse to no other ende, but to allure the Generall to returne for his Port with such prizes as hee should get: to the ende hee might at his pleasure, worke his intended mischiefe against him, and cause him pay with interest for his fained curtesie, as you shall heereafter vnderstand. First he relieued our victuals, as wee coulde wishe, and to none gaue more friendlie entertaynement then vnto vs all, and at the Generals departure, gaue him vnder his hand and seale of authority, free liberty to sell, exchaunge, carry ouer, and recarry at his pleasure, all such goods as hee or any of his, should bring for his Port, without any manner of let or disturbance.

With this assurance, the Generall held himselfe very well pleased, as one glad to haue some place of refuge, where so many daungers are incident to our Nation what chaunce soeuer should betide him. And giuing credite to him whose fayth and honour is no more to be regarded then a dog, hauing the winde fayre, the 18. of September, wee set sayle from thence. Now the night before the Admirall wayed, our reare Admirall beeing loose, and thinking wee all would haue wayed, made sayle and turned out, and not able the winde beeing such to recouer the roade, plyed vp and downe before the harbourgh expecting our comming, who in the morning wayed and came out. But scarce were we cléere of shot from the Towne, when we might perceaue our consort, in fight with a french ship, to whome all the morning he had giuen chace, which ship was bounde in for the Porte, and discharged shot for shot to our Pynesse, carrying his flag in his top, as offering defiance: which the Generall seing, not knowing what she was, and refusing to strike vpon his smonce, after the order of the seas, caused his gunner, to make a shot at her, which she regarded not, but hauing the winde fayre, passed in for her Port, which easilie shee recouered, without any harme at al. The French Leagure there, who vsurpeth the title of consull for the King, from the top of his Lodging discried what had hapened,

and as euer they haue beene mortall enemies to our nation, seeming to see our Generall so graced by all such as bare any authoritie in the Citty, pretending to worke our Generall and his company some mischiefe, came raging to the King, exclaiming in most vile maner (according to their dispightful nature) against vs: and craued to be reuenged on such Englishmen as were there.

On whose complaint, and by the sayde Consuls large purchase with coyne, the King and his accursed accomplices, as willing to offer wrong, (notwithstanding his passed words, or the league betweene her Maiestie and the high Emperour continued,) sent presently his Officers aboord a Ship in the harbourgh, and taking some of her company, imprisoned them in the Bayniard: holding them in durance for no offence, yet in the end they recouered their libertie. But to our voyage, after three dayes putting from Argere, we came to Mayorke, where our Boates gaue chace to two Frygots, and lost them by reason of the Block-houses who shot both at our Boates and Shyps.

The twenty foure of this Month a grieuous storme assailed vs, in which storme wee lost through their owne wilfulnes, our consorts. In the morning after they parted with vs, the winde blowing so much as wee could stand vnder our courses, wee espyed a sayle and gaue her chace: but by reason of the outragiousnesse of the Seas which were so growne, wee lost her. The fourth of October another storme oppressed vs, which wee well passed thankes be to God. The eleuenth of thys Month, in the first watch, our Maister being on the Poope, espyed a most wonderful and strange sight: for looking very earnestly vppon some occasion a heade the Shyppe, there appeared in the Sea an ougly forme, tumbling still with the shyppe: and diuers times it appeared in the likenesse of great flames of fire. The Maister being greatly amazed thereat, and thinking hymselfe might bee deluded, hee presently called one of his Mates, and likewise diuers of the watch, who heedfullie viewed the same to theyr great terror: who the neerer that it approched vnto the shyppe, the bigger and more ouglie it seemed to be. In the ende, when it was opposite with the after quarter of the shyppe, it forthwith burst in sunder like a great flame of fyre which parteth in the midds, and so without dooing any manner of harme, thanks be to God departed.

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The seauenteenth of this Month comming about Cape degat, we descried a great sayle, vnto whom all that afternoone wee gaue chace, and about the tyme of the discharging of our first watch, cõming neere vnto the Port of Carthagene, hee slacked his sayle, and we came vp with her broad side. Thys pollicy they vsed suspecting vs to be men of warre: wherein they were not deceiued, although their pollicie by the good foresight of our Generall was preuented, who slacked theyr sayles of purpose, thinking we would begin with them beeing so neere Carthegene, from whence they might haue ayde of the Gallies there. But the Generall by the good aduise and carefull working of our Maister, got betweene the shore and hym, and compelled him to beare roome in the Seas. We continued our chace vntill about nine of the clocke, when we came with his broade side and hayled him, who aunswered our Generals demaund very mildly, yet refused to come aborde: whereuppon the Generall, for that the Commaunder by his apparrell seemed to bee some Caualiere, called for a goblet of Wine, and after hee had carouled vnto him, heaued the peece ouer-borde: and so wauing him with his Rapyere to Lee warde, our Trumpets sounded a charge, and our Ordinance and small shot played on them in such manner as warmed them all well. Which charge was aunswered by hys noyse of Trumpets, and after with a Drum and Fife, very valiantly. Hotely continued the fight nine howres, in all which tyme we had but one man hurt, and that without danger.

The night growing on, and our Ordinaunce hauing made vs such way, as easier entrance coulde not haue beene deuised, our Generall commaunded a borde. But our men, who had shewed themselues that day wonderfull valiant and couragious, being nowe very weary with theyr long and tedious fight, and hauing no winde, earnestly besought the Generall that hee woulde spare them vntill the night were more onward, and the Moone ryslen, in which tyme they themselues should be well eased and refreshed, and then they would be ready to accomplish what he commaunded. In the meane while they would bee carefull and diligent to keepe hym from the shore, that by no meanes hee might get opportunitie to escape from them. Hereunto the Generall agreed, and it was fully resolued on that they should rest and refresh themselues, vntill such tyme as the Moone was vp.

But in vnhappy time ſpared they him, who would not haue loſt ſuch oppoꝛtunitie had hee enioyed the like, but haue taken the aduantage, eſpecially at Sea, where dangers are infinite, as appeared by this euent: foꝛ the Generall hauing called the company vp, after he had giuen directions foꝛ the ſafegard of his men, entring in the night, as he was determined to goe aboꝛde, wee deſcried from foure lights, which were the Gallyes of Carthagene, who hearing the fight at the ſhoꝛe, came out, and comming firſt with him as it was moſt likeſome his requeſt, left vs after they had ſhot two oꝛ thꝛée ſhootes, and towed in this gallant. So wee left him, to the great griefe of the Generall, not knowing what he was oꝛ ſhoulde be, vntill our laſt arriuall at Argere, when the Admirall came in with his Gallyes, who bꝛought with him ſeauen captiues, taken from Carthagene, and were all in the Towne when thee came in. Theſe men repoꝛted her to be a Byskene, fraughted by the Gouernour of Malta, and that he was in her himſelfe, with manie other Caualeres, bound home vppon ſpeciall commaunde from the young King: and were in great hazard of ſincking, had not ỹ Gallies come foꝛ their reskew. Twenty eight men he had ſlayne, and there buried, and 15. hurt: and receiued vnder water in her aftermoſt quarter, fiue ſhot, and in her bow, two.

The nert day we deſcried thꝛee ſayles moꝛe, & gaue them chace, and in the night came vp with one of them, which was deuided frõ the reſt, & was a ſhyp belonging to Ma. Iohn Facie of Plymouth, bound foꝛ Tellone, who kept vs company that night, and the nert moꝛning came aboꝛd the Generall, where he dined, and highly contented the Generall with the good newes & ſucceſſe of our conſoꝛts, viz. our vize Admirall, the Tygar and the Perigrene, reare Admirall vnto vs. This Ma. Facye hauing his fraught of Newe-lande fiſhe, and our victuals waxing ſcant, the Gouernour had of him 500. foꝛ his mony: who ſeeing our diſtres of victuals, gaue the Generall of his owne good will, thꝛee hogſheads of byſket, which was moꝛe then hee might well ſpare. This night he likewiſe kept vs company, and in the moꝛning parted. Not long after this our parting with Ma. Facye, our company wearied with their hard fare, deſired to be at home, hauing no remedy left to releeue vs. The Generall, greeuing to returne without doing ſome good to releeue vs, foꝛ whom his care was moꝛe then foꝛ himſelfe, though his were

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the charge. Before any thing was resolutely determined what to doe, we discried a sayle, and gaue her chace, and in lesse then halfe a day came vp with her, whom we founde to be a Fly-bote of Aucusane. This Fly-boate the Generall was vnwilling to deale with, which made his company the more earnest to desire the sight of their Country: which earnest desire of theirs, hee sought with all perswasions of hope to appease. But they imported him with such words of content, so their victuals might be relæued, as the Generall could finde no fault with their reasonable request. Our victuals being short, and that not of the best, for our Porke was all rotten, our Pease and Ote-meale moldie and ful of wormes, our bread spent, and our fishe in such state, that the worst boy had rather beg ashore for better, then eate the best there.

These things considered, the Generall sent for the Maister of the Fly-boate, who came from Genoway, and had nothing but balast aborde, with this Fleming the Generall had great conference, acquainted him with his estate, and the companies great want: which albeit hee did hardly beleeue at the first, yet when hee had seene our hold, and that his eyes were witnes to the Generals report, tendring our estates, hee made offer to him of his Fly-boate and such victuals as he had, if hee coulde haue mony for her in anie place within the Straights, to supply his decayed store, and himselfe & his company to take such part as our Generall did. Hereupon the Master & some others came aborde of vs, and some of our people went into her, sharing their victuals betweene vs, which greatly relæued our men, and caused great content. Our victuals thus relæued, the Generall vnwilling to put into the harborough, as loth to lose the company of the Shyppe from Genoway, bounde for present to the King, as I haue already declared, plyed againe for Mayorke, where the first night we arriued, we espyed comming about the Land a monstrous huge sayle, which bare all shee might in with the Roade, with whom we stood, hoping to bee her which we expected: and before the first watch was expired, came vp with her, standing in for the Road as she did, and suddainly without any word speaking, or any peece giuing, layde her aborde, discharging our vpper tyere in her broade side, and our men ready to enter, had our chaynes fall: and suddainly as one man was aborde, and many other like to haue beene, the Shyp, whether by the willing or vn-

witting consent of some man of authority in the ship, thereof, and left one man aboard: and with falling of and discharging a Cannon, our Corporall was slaine standing by the Generall, our Boatsone with the splenter of a quarter stroken on the stomack & sore bruised. The Generall himselfe receiued a hurt in his thigh. Thys casuall fortune vexed the Generall mightily. In the ende, the seas growing, and a great wind, she being a laden Shyp of a 1000. tunnes, bare her top sayles all weathers, when wee were forced to stryke ours, yet we gaue her chace vntill we brought her within shot of the Castel at Fyrmentura, putting her by her desired harbourgh of Mayorke, and had beene Maisters of her if the shyps had continued together. Folly it was to recount her wealth for that the remembrance thereof is more grieuous: but by a Genoway it was to Master Hunt reported in Argere, that she was worth in ready mony two hundred thousand pounds, and in goods aboue thirty thousand.

Thys losse receiued, the wind increasing, and the seas growing to a mighty storme, we were enforced to seeke some harbourgh: which by great good hap (hauing no Pylot for the place) we found vnder Fyrmentura, where wee came to ancker. That night, the Maister of the Fly-boate, the Captaine and others came aborde, and viewed our spoyle: where it was agreed, that the next morning the Generall shoulde make choyse of such men as hee might best spare and goe himselfe for Argere: and the Admirall shoulde stay out and spend her victuals, to see if any better hap might betide her, and against her comming in, to haue victuals purueyed for her.

But GOD which altereth and disposeth the determinations of men as hee best pleaseth, caused a mighty storme to arise: which raged in such tempestious manner that our Cable broke, and wee lost a Cable and Ancker. The winde of the shore draue to the seaward, the Fly-boate ryding still, wee hailed with a bullock of our fore-sayle close aborde the shore, and found better roade, and there againe anckored. But after that tyme wee neuer sawe the Fly-boate againe vntill wee came for Argere. After wee had staied out so long as wee myght for want of victuals, and thys losse which you haue heard receiued, within foure dayes after we tooke a Sattia of Tellone, bound to Iuisie to lade salt: whose Merchants confessed to the Generall, that they had 4000. crounes in ready money aboard,

aboꝛde, and although our want of all thinges at that time was as great as any men on ſeas might haue, yet did our Generall make them the beſt cheere hee coulde, and without ſuffering any man to enter them oꝛ to take one penny oꝛ penny-woꝛth from them, hee diſcharged them. Such was his dilligent care to pꝛeſerue the honour of his Country with all our friends. Theſe Frenchmen, ſeeing likewiſe our want, pꝛeſented him with two hundꝛed of bꝛeade, two baskets of Apples, and two Tapnets of figges, and ſo departed.

Thꝛee dayes after theyꝛ departure earely in the moꝛning wee deſcried a great ſayle, and gaue her chace, and about two a clocke came vp with her. Thys ſayle was the Salomon of London, which came from New-found Lande laden with fiſhe, whoſe Maiſter and company came aboꝛde of vs. Theyꝛ Maiſter was of the Generall well entertayned. Of them our Generall bought fiꝛe hundꝛed of theyꝛ fiſhe, gyuing them ready money foꝛ the ſame. So they departed foꝛ Tellone, which was their Poꝛt, and wee to ſeeke our foꝛtune.

Our victuals of bꝛead gꝛowing ſcant, and hearing no newes of our Fly-boate, which diſcomfoꝛted vs all, though it was moſt diſpleaſing to the Generall, who on the repoꝛts of the men of Tellone determined to haue gone thether, if ſhe had beene with vs, and ſo ſtill reſted mindfull to doe if we met her againe: and by the Salomon wꝛote to Maiſter Facye then there, to ſtay him thꝛee hundꝛed of Fiſh foꝛ his victuals, paying as the Country payd foꝛ the ſame. But our euill foꝛtune was ſuch that we ſaw her not, till we put foꝛ Argere, where we found her and our other two conſoꝛts, namelie, the Elizabeth of Plymouth, and the Examiner, whom the Turkes foꝛ the ſhoot at our going out had pledged in moſt pittious and deſpightful manner. viz. The Examiner, looſing vs as you haue already heard, with the other Pineſſes continued at ſeas in ſearch of vs vntill her victuals were ſpent, when in hope to meet our Admirall, ſhee put foꝛ Argere, where ſhee lay becalmed one whole day and a night befoꝛe the harbourgh. To whom at laſt in ſhowe of friendſhip and good will, there came a Frygat and towed her in, which gaue the company cauſe of no miſtruſt at all, neyther dyd they thinke that they ſhould haue been ſo cruelly dealt withall there as afterward they were.

But no sooner came they to anckour, & their sayles furdeld, but the Almayne searcher for the Kinge, came aborde them, and with most dispiteful words in most vile manner entreated the company: toke all they had, and imprisoned their men. Not long after the Elizabeth cõming in, was so serued but the Captain hauing more store of coyne then the other, with bribing the dogs had saueur in some better maner. The next that came in sight of the Towne was our Fly-boat, who likewise was becalmed vnto whõ came a Galy and a Frygat, offering them great friendship, and to tow them in, which our men being glad of, brought them two newe hausiers aborde, which they had no sooner possession of, but the Galley rowed away with that they had, and they hardly recouered the other. These for villany which they howrely practise, exceede those dogs, which seeke no other at any Christians handes but their ruines, as shall more appeare by their indirect dealings which they vsed both to the Generall, and his company.

But to the matter, the Fly-boate hauing shortly after a small gale of wind, bare in for the harbourgh, nothing suspecting the treacherie pretented against them: But in very vnhappy time arriued they there, for thys curre, which awayted their comming, omitting no time came aborde them, nayled their hatches, ryfled the companyes chestes, and what he best liked both of victuals & goods, that tooke he with him, dispossessing them of the ship, & placed them in the Examiner, whose company with the Captaine and owner he had imprisoned. To mitigate any thing what this dog had determined, no entreaty might serue, but there they must abide the pleasure of him, that at his pleasure in that place worketh all thinges. Now sir the last that was to play his parte in this Pagent, was the Generall and his company, whose victuals decreasing must bee releeued or else we must all perish in the sea, beeing perswaded that the Flyboate was gone for Argere, beare with the same as winde and wether would giue leaue, and by the permission of God recouered the Porte, no sooner came we into the poynt of Montifyzer, and that wee drewe neere the harbourgh, but this Caniball (Almayne) came in his Guidelow, accompanied with Ma. Thomas Hunt, to our shippes side, where he talked with the Generall, but might not be entreated to enter the shippe, neither would hee suffer Ma. Hunt by whome we might vnderstand any newes, of the state

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of our men and shyps: but Captaine Lowe borrowed the Marriners boate, and in despight of who gainsayed them, came out vnto vs, and to the Generall declared the whole manner of their dealings. Hereupon, the Generall mooued with choller at their villanie, with all the speede hee could followed the Almaine, and presently went to the King, demaunding the cause of his so vile dealing with his company? Who as he is by nature base and vnhallowed, as forsaken of Christ and shut out from his glory, so subtillie smyling on the Generall, gaue him good speeches, and mused at his choller, saying, that hee wondred to heare him speake so rashe and vnaduisedly to him, beeing in so great authority. After some time of parley but to no purpose, the Generall seeing he could haue no aunswere of his businesse to his content, departed in fury without bydding him farewell, leauing hym to the deuill whom they serued.

The next day, word was sent the Generall, by an Englishman turned Turke, in some fauour with the King, that the Almaine by the Kings commaund would haue our sayles ashore. Vppon the hearing hereof, the Generall commaunded his companies that were ashore to repayre aboord, whether also he himselfe came, commaunding his Shippe to be prouided, his Nettings laced, and his Ordinance all out, resolutely determined to sinck there, if no other remedy were, before hee woulde be dispossest of his shyp or sayles. Not long after the Generals comming aborde, the King sent the Boatswaine of his Gally for our sayles. Whom the Generall in person aunswered he should not haue: neither woulde hee brooke such disgrace at his hands, to be dispossest of any thing in his possession, but would abide the hazard of what might happen. Thys resolute answer of the General fired the dogge, who was alreadie bent to prosecute what cruelty he could: who presently sent for Ma. Hunt, and deliuered some such speeches vnto him, as for our Generals better safety hee came aborde, and so perswaded the Generall, that he was content for their security that were ashore, to deliuer our maine course and fore course: wherewith they were content, and the raging king and his confederate, gan to offer more fauour. Insomuch that a composition was offered, both for release of our Countrimen in prison, and the Flemings, which were likewise in durance.

But his demaund being without reaſon, the Generall refuſed the offer, and made complaynt vnto the Gawe, which is the chiefe of the Court of Ianizaries, and hath authority aboue the King, to reforme all matters: who promiſed him redreſſe. But as burres enclined they together, for the Gawe being brybed with gyfts from the King, delayed the Generall from time to time. Yet in the end the Flyboate was releaſed, & our men paying their raunſoms, freed through their owne liberalitie. But as it commonly falleth out, that one miſchaunce comes not without another in the necke thereof, ſo marke how it happened. While our men remained there in durance, one of the French Lygers chiefeſt men entred the Bayniard where they were, and began in moſt opprobrious wordes to abuſe the name of our moſt gracious ſoueraigne Lady, whoſe honour euery ſubiect is bounde in duty to maintaine: which ſpeeches were then aunſwered as far as the liberty of priſoners would permit, and not forgotten being at liberty. Afterwards, two of our men walking the ſtreetes, chaunced to meete this French-man, and others with him, and remembring his wordes, not able longer to forbeare him, they began for want of other weapons, to beate him with their fiſtes: ſo that by part-taking on each ſide, manie dry blowes were dealt amongſt them, and the Frenchmens faces colloured all ouer with their owne blood.

Thys conflict comming with great complaints to the eares of the Conſull, who wayted a time of quarrell to be had againſt our men, went preſently to the King with his complaint, who ſent for our Generall, and on him obiected the cauſe of this quarrill, wherewith he was nothing acquainted, neither had hee heard any thing of the matter. The Generall being then by one of his followers aduertiſed of the trueth, and whereupon the quarrell grewe, made aunſwere, (being bound thereto by dutie,) that if the quarrel were ſuch as it was reported, he would kill him with his owne handes, that ſhould not offer with his life to maintaine the honour of hys Miſtres, whoſe match the world affoarded not: with other wordes in diſgrace of the French Conſull, who being indebted to the General a 1000. Dubles, the General releaſed him for 300. aſſigning him to pay the ſame to a victualler of the towne, vnto whom hee gaue his bill ſo to doe, and afterwards denied his owne hand writing. Which diſhoneſt part whē the Generall obiected it vnto him,

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him, he offered his handkercher to his face. Whereat the Generall beeing moued, strooke him ouer the face with his fiſte, and craued of the King, (as he was a Souldior and in place of iuſtice,) to grant him the Combat againſt him, that maintained the ſpeeches of his Countriman to his Princes diſhonor. But the King who had receiued and felt the ſweetnes of gold in aboundance frō the French, would not graunt it. But ſayd, if the Conſull were content it ſhold be ſo. And the Conſull being demanded if he wold accept it, referd it vnto the pleaſure of the King, who diſmiſſed the Conſull for that night. That ſame night, as it was by the Engliſh-turke vnto mee reported, the Conſul borrowed of the Merchants in ỳ Citty, 1300. crounes, to make vp a ſumme promiſed the king to worke ſome reuenge on the Generall, and by day light in the morning the ſame was brought into the Kings houſe. This braule highly contented the King, who had the Conſull as it were in a preſſe, ſtill wring more coyne from him. About eyght of the clocke that morning, the King ſent for the Generall, commaunding him to bring thoſe men with him which began the fray, which he did, who before ỳ French mans face rehearſed his ſpeeches, which he coulde not denie. Yet to ſhew how welcome the late receiued gold was, contrary to all right, and to pleaſe him that had ſo well payd for it, hee cauſed our men (according to the manner of the Country) to haue the Baſtinadoes. The Generall he committed with his kinſman Captaine Lowe, as priſoners to the Almaines chamber, where he remained almoſt two dayes, hardly threatned by the King to loſe his hande, except he would agree to become friends with the Conſul, who earneſtly ſued to the king to bring it to paſſe. But the Generall dreading nought his threates, would not as he affirmed, put vp ſo vile an abuſe without reuenge on him, that would iuſtie the doings of ſo baſe an abiect in ſo diſhonorable an action. But his companie which dreaded his good, came vnto him, and on their knees beſought him to tender both his owne eſtate and theirs, conſidering that on his welfare depended all their goods, and by his decay, all our vndoings was like to enſue. Yet all their perſwaſions might nothing preuaile with him, vntill Ma. Benedick Winter (whom he tenderly loued and could deny no reaſonable requeſt,) with ſuch earneſt entreaties beſought him, euer vnto him alledging their tyranny, and what ſhould betide them, if any euill ſhoulde befall

him, that in the end, after his many denials, with teares standing in both their eyes, embracing one the other, he yeelded vnto hym, and so to the King, who sent for the Consull, and made thē friends. Yet would he not for any entreaty of the Consull, discharge hym, vntill hee had payde a thousande Dubles for the blow giuen in his presence. Thys matter ended, the next morning the Consull sent him the thousand Dubles he denied his hand for, wheras he might for payment of three hundred haue been discharged: and euer after shewed to the Generall and his company, wonderfull great kindnes and pleasure in all his busines. A vnity made on all sides, the Generall hastened what he could to be cleere from thence. And after many troubles, the first of Februarie we departed the roade, towards the bottome of the Straights, to seeke our better fortunes. And the second of the same was heaued ouer-borde Iohn Greene, one of those that had the Bastinadoes as you haue heard. Wednesday the vij. of this Month, the winde fauouring vs, we arriued at the Iles of Aueres, where we anckored that night, & the next day about noone, as we wayed, the Boy from the top discried a sayle, which we gaue chace vnto and tooke, being a small Sattia, laden with Tuny and Sardines for the Duke of Sauoy, & came from Laguſt, and was bound for Leage-horne.

The 13. of thys Month, we gaue chace to a mighty Gallion, of burden twelue hundred tunnes, hauing 56. peeces of Brasse, and fiue hundred passengers and Saylers, whom we chaced all that day and night, and the next morning came vp with her, and without stay presently borded her, letting fall our Grabill into her, which being fastned with a hawser of foure inches, both hauer & chayne in shering of the Shyps brake, and so fell off to our great greefe. Betweene vs began a most mortall fight, they anoying vs with their stones from their tops and shyp, that hurt vs many men. In which vnhappy fight, after wee had continued fiue houres, an vnluckie shoote hurt Captaine Winter, & another Gentleman Maister Slade, and one of our Maisters Mates, who dyed presently. The other being shot in the thighes, liued one of them foure dayes, the other eyght.

Twelue more at that time were wounded, wherof foure more died afterward of the hurts which they receiued. They on ỹ other side were so galled by vs, as one of their guidals was filled wyth

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dead men, which wee had slaine. Our Generall in this fight had the pomell of his dagger shotte from his backe, and had no other harme: the memory of which encounter remaineth in the sides of our shyp to be seene, also in our maine Mast a chayne, and foure other peeces of yron, besides many other shootes which did vs lyttle danger, yet escaped she away, and made what hast shee coulde into Palermo, where shee was bound to lade Corne for the Pope, having in her eyght Barrels of Coyne, as wee hearde of a Merchant of Marcellus, who being in an English Shyp which hee had bought, came from the bottome of the Straights, and being taken with Westerly windes, put into that harbourgh, where they sawe the men buried, and the shoots which she receiued: and to our Generall affirmed, that if she had not recouered the place in time, shee must needes haue suncke in the Seas. This Shyp being ỳ Popes, was with processions welcommed, wherein wee and our company were cursed with bell, booke and candle.

The second day after this fight, a greeuous storme oppressed vs, in which we lost both our Pinesses and our pryze: our Pinesses we neuer sawe after, but returning from Sicelia, found the Sattia driuing in the Seas, vnladen and vnrigged. After great turmoyle at Sea, with extreame foule weather, the 23. of February, wee arriued in a roade in Sicelya, where we rid 4. dayes repayring our decayed sayles, ropes, and other necessaries, and the fift day in the morning beeing Sonday, hauing the winde westerly, the Generall desirous to see what fortune God would send, wayed, with determination to search the harbourghs of the Ile, and finding any thing, to aduenture the bringing it away. With this resolution passing by the Towne of Socco, as wee were at seruice, a boy from the top descried a sayle, to the Westward standing as wee dyd, with whom we bare all we could being calme: yet about foure of the clocke in the afternoone came vp with her, and hayled her, beeing a Fleming, willing her to come aboord. But they standing on theyr tearmes with vs, refused to come, and shotte at vs such Ordinaunce as they had, amongst which was one murtherer, laden with gads of steele, which hurte the Generals boy and to men. At which discurtesie of theirs, the Generall discontent, made our Gunner to bestow a shot on him, and so more enforcing them to come aboord, with whome wee founde a Passe for Genoway, or Lisborne,

the shyp was laden with Corne, Lead, Glasses, and victuals of diuers sorts. But bylles of lading could wee haue none, nor come to the sight of any. Whereupon the Generall examining the companie, certaine of them confessed, that the goods were belonging to Merchants of Antwerpe, and bound for Malta, all Brethern the owners, and that they were there resident theyr wiues and chylderen. Whereupon the Generall carried her for Tellone, making prize of her. Where before the Gouernour and others in authoritie they confessed the same: neyther was there any likely to the contrarie, otherwise they woulde not haue made away their Letters and bylles of lading as they did.

A matter much to be lamented it is, to see that Nation so fauoured of vs, which onely with their shewes of loue to our Country, abuse by their alluring speeches the Honorable in authority, procuring Passes for places where they haue no intent to come, thereby seeking to feede and furnish our enemies with our necessaries. These things are too well knowne to poore men, that trauayle the seas, and daily see their doings: which if they should be prohibited of but one whole yeere, it would proue such a plague vnto the enemie, that seauen yeeres dearth in England, could not make greater want. But to our matter, after our businesse in Tellone dispatched, our Generall taking care for those men which hee had left in Argere, left the company of foure good Shyps, to goe for that place: contrary to the wills and mindes of the company, who wearied with the many abuses offred vs before, coulde not be perswaded of any better, and therefore became suters to the Generall, to let them remaine there vntill he might send some for them, wherevnto no entreaty might draw him.

Yet at the last (through great intreaty) wee obtayned of hym thys graunt, not to goe in with the shyppe, but to send for his men, which he performed: for comming within the Land, hee anchored at Montefoyze, and sent his kinsman Captaine Lowe, with hys Mariners ashore, who were foure dayes held of with cauilations, and could not end them. The King craued to haue the Shyp come in. But as it pleased God to worke for vs at that time, the Generall was so extreame sicke, that fewe expected his life, whom the Turks which came aborde had almost wonne to theyr desires, but the company would not agree.

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The next day following, a great and greeuous storme beganne to rise, with a very strong and boisterous gale of winde in the North-east, which we were not able to endure, ryding as we dyd. Thys storme increasing, the company came to the Generall, and required to knowe hys pleasure and what hee determined to doe: alleaging the great perill and daunger that was likely to followe if wee tooke not some suddaine course. Whom hee answered that they should forthwith put into the harbourgh, if there were no other remedy. Thys aunswere greeued our men, which were vnwilling to be drawne thereto: therefore they aduised him the best they could, both for his owne and theyr safety. All which auayled not, but in hee would, or ride it out, putting all in hazard. Which our men seeing that no intreaty or perswasion might preuayle, put Cable in the house and set sayle. But when it was almost too late, (for so narrowlie were wee driuen, as if GOD of his mercie had not helped vs, wee had beene on the Lee shore,) then wee repented vs, and very hardly doubled we the poynt. At this doings, the Generall what with freating and taking colde, brought him selfe very lowe and weake, doing what hee coulde to withstand them, but all in vaine.

Foure dayes this storme endured, in which time wee were as hie as Cape de gat, where some tenne dayes we lay becalmed. By thys time had our Generall recouered some strength, and beeing aborde, had so wrought and perswaded with the company, that if the Winde had not come fayre to put vs out, wee had once again gone for our men. But God working for vs better then wee anie way deserued sent vs a gale of winde that brought vs thwart to Ieboraltar, at fire of the clocke at night, where wee lay becalmed vntill two in the morning, euer expecting the comming of the Gallies, at which tyme it pleased GOD to send vs such a prosperous gale as brought vs cleere away.

The next day after our comming out, wee had sight of the London Fleete bounde in, which was the eyght of May, whereof the Hercules, and one other Shyppe vnder the charge of Maister Spencer of Saint Katharines, came rounde with vs: by whom, for that he was bounde for Argére, the Generall wrote Letters for his men, taking order with him for their passage.

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Thus (gentle Reader) haue I acquainted thee with our troubles from time to time, since our departure out of England, other euents which haue happened since our cõming out of the straights, I omit, onely this one thing remembred. It was our chaunce to meete two Flemings laden with Timber, of fiue hundred tunnes the peece: the Maister of which enformed our Generall of a shyp, bounde for Lysborne, laden at Hamborough, with Pouder and Ordinaunce, so that at my comming away, there was nothing more desired of our Captaine then to intercept her. Which God grant hee may doe.

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